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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **MURAYAMA, Kei**

Group Art Unit: 1762

Serial No.: 10/709,138

Examiner: **Katherine A. Bareford**

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For: **ELECTROLESS PLATING METHOD**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 25, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 31, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: